Kudos to Rob Yust, Linda Eis and Jeff Gibson for exemplary demonstration of Shared Governance in action! And special recognition to the 18 faculty and 57 staff members who attended one of their five Financial Presentations during December! It was a busy month and a busy time in the semester, but the financial team and these 75 people showed their commitment to the information-sharing and honest dialogue essential to effective Shared Governance.

As we begin another cycle of budget construction, the participants in these presentations perhaps have gained enhanced trust in the process, are positioned to ask strategic questions and give educated opinions. Whether they are involved directly in budget preparations, forward their ideas to their Shared Governance representatives, or inform their colleagues, these 75 people are now better equipped to help set priorities and understand responsible stewardship of the University’s resources.

This is but one example of multiple efforts across campus to improve Shared Governance through transparency, information-sharing, questioning and respectful dialogue. All who take time and invest their energy in these exchanges are to be commended. Informed opinions move us forward!